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Saving the SS United States

Maintenance could cost $1M each year **Group envisions dining and lodging**
'It's one of the most extraordinary ... opportunities right now,' says director

The race is on to save the SS United States, an historic ocean liner currently docked in disrepair on the Delaware River in South Philadelphia.

"The cost of maintaining the ship — and when I say 'maintaining,' I just mean keeping it docked and in-shored and safe and sound — is expensive," said Susan Gibbs, director of the SS United States Conservancy, which in 2011 purchased the ship.

The conservancy's desired vision encompasses mixed-use development with a dedicated museum and a combination of retail, dining and lodging. But the nonprofit is finding that after the cost of maintenance — about $1 million each year — it's difficult to keep the project afloat.

"We feel that's also why it's one of the most, if not the most, extraordinary redevelopment and preservation opportunities in the country right now, because the ship was so iconic — not unlike the Statue of Liberty and these other truly national attractions," Gibbs said.

The conservancy is rolling out one last fundraising push spearheaded by a five-part documentary, "Made in the United States," whose online release began last week. The film dovetails with the organization's social media campaign inviting donors to upload photos and stories to an interactive online blueprint of the ship.

"It's been so fascinating to see people's photographs, testimonials and messages because the ship still really speaks to people," Gibbs said.

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▶ The SS United States could leave its home along the Delaware River if enough money isn't raised to keep it maintained.

Personal connection

Gibbs has a special connection with the SS United States — her grandfather William Francis Gibbs designed it.

"It really was a lifelong obsession of his, ever since he was a little boy in Philadelphia and saw the launching of a ship in the Cramp Shipyard on the Delaware River when he was 8 years old," she said.

Gibbs said her grandfather first sketched the ship nearly 40 years before it was constructed.

"He actually went to Harvard and was kicked out because he spent so much time sketching ships," she said. "It was a lifelong love affair and the culmination of his career as a self-taught Marine engineer and naval architect."

By the numbers

$1M

Roughly the annual cost of maintaining the SS United States

History in brief

- The SS United States was constructed in 1952 as a partnership between private shipping company United States Lines and the U.S. Navy.
- Built as a passenger liner that could be quickly and stealthily converted to a wartime troopship, the SS United States smashed transatlantic speed records during its maiden voyage and used more aluminum than any other construction project of the era.
- The vessel was sold to a private company in 1964 and continued its rise to the status of a luxury cruise ship patronized by celebrities and heads of state, including John F. Kennedy Jr.
- The SS United States was taken out of service in 1969. The Maritime Administration auctioned much of its furniture, and in 1996 the liner was towed to its current home in South Philadelphia.

By the numbers

$12.3M

Penn State's annual dance marathon fundraiser shattered the previous record of about $10 million by raising more than $12 million this past weekend for pediatric cancer research.

The 46-hour Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, or THON, raised funds for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

More than 15,000 students participated, including 700 dancers who spent the entire weekend on their feet.

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Kidnapping suspect held on $4M bail

WEST PHILADELPHIA. A 19-year-old after-school worker is in jail on $4 million bail after last month's kidnapping of a 5-year-old girl from Bryant Elementary School.

Christina Regusters was taken into custody Thursday.

Three other people who reportedly live with Regusters were released after questioning, but investigators said more arrests are likely.

Regusters was arraigned Friday and her bail set at $4 million. She is next due in court March 6 for a first hearing.

Regusters is charged with a slew of offenses, including assault, kidnapping for ransom and rape.

Police said she was involved in the January abduction of a young student, who was taken from class and found the next morning partially clothed in an Upper Darby field. METRO/AW

In the news

Suspected serial bank robber strikes again in Roxborough

ROXBOROUGH. A suspected serial robber who hit three banks this month robbed the TD Bank at 5501 Ridge Ave. yesterday afternoon, police said.

The suspect, who police describe as a black male in his late 20s to early 30s, swiped an undisclosed amount of cash from the bank. He was seen running north on Ridge Avenue, then west on Markle Street, police said. METRO/TR

PHL gets state grant

PHILADELPHIA. The Philadelphia International Airport is one of 10 Pennsylvania sites selected to receive a $5.1 million grant from the state Department of Transportation, Gov. Tom Corbett announced late last week.

A portion of the money will be used to fund phase one of a major airfield taxiway project. METRO/AW

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▶ The Philadelphia International Airport could see an updated taxiway in the future.

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In the news

Teen in hospital after being hit by SEPTA bus

A 14-year-old boy was hit by a SEPTA bus while riding his bike in Frankford on Monday, officials said. The teen darted out in front of a Route 73 bus and was hit at the intersection of Bridge and Marlowe streets around 4:30 p.m., officials said. Two passengers on the bus also suffered minor injuries, spokeswoman Kristin Geiger said. The boy was transported to St. Christopher's Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. METRO/TR

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Beside the teen, two bus passengers were also injured.

Young woman dies in early morning crash

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. An auto accident in Bustleton claimed one life early Sunday morning, officials said. Investigators said a 1995 Ford Explorer was driving east on Grant Avenue near Krewstown Avenue around 4:10 a.m. when the driver lost control, sending the car onto a grassy curb. The vehicle then careened into the westbound lane of traffic and wrapped around a tree. Police said the Explorer's passenger, a woman in her late teens to early 20s, was ejected during the crash and died on the scene. As of yesterday, the 19-year-old driver is hospitalized in extremely critical condition. METRO/AW

Casino offer comes at golden time as school budget looms

Proposal from Penn National Gaming would guarantee money to cash-strapped district ◗ Nonprofit set up to fund the systems

As Superintendent William R. Hite Jr. prepares to unveil his revised plan to close 37 district-run schools in an effort to fill the estimated $200 million deficit, representatives from a proposed casino says it would share its wealth.

Penn National Gaming, Inc., the only casino developer to proposed a partnership with the city, says it would guarantee $2 million per year after its first year of operation to help fund city schools and its pension fund.

Spokeswoman Karen Bailey said the company expects to reach $12 million in year eight. Eventually the city would receive $20 million annually as the casino matures, Bailey said.

PENN NATIONAL GAMING, INC.

▶ This rendering was presented to the Pennsylvania Gaming Board last week.

$2M

The amount Penn National Gaming, Inc., says it would guarantee to Philadelphia after its first year of operation to help fund schools and its pension fund.

Reading-based Penn National, which already operates a casino in central Pennsylvania, under state law, cannot own two casino licenses simultaneously. It is limited to a one-third ownership in a second casino.

So the company created a nonprofit corporation that would direct two-thirds of the cash flow to the city's pension and education systems.

"That's obviously two areas of greatest need in the city as it relates to long-term funding," she said."

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board won't decide on which company will receive the second license yet.

Hite has said the district is facing a $1.3 billion deficit over five years. He claims the district would save about $28 million yearly and $140 million a year over five years if the 37 schools closed. But this does not include relocation costs of an estimated 17,000 students.

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JFK items fetch $2M; Reader's Digest in debt

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JFK birthday card auctioned for $17K

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Thousands of items that belonged to a longtime aide of President John F. Kennedy sold for as much as $2 million in an auction that ended yesterday, nearly 50 years after the president's assassination.

A birthday card from his son, the late John F. Kennedy Jr., fetched $17,000; a flag flown on Kennedy's motorcade limousine sold for $55,000; while a seal that hung above the aide's desk in the West Wing sold for $17,000, excluding buyers' premiums, said Dan Meader, auction appraiser at John McInnis Auctioneers.

A top sale item in the bidding that began on Sunday morning was Kennedy's Air Force One bomber jacket, which sold for $570,000 plus a buyer's premium, far greater than the expectation of a $20,000 to $40,000 final bid. **REUTERS**

'Blade Runner'

Pistorius back in court for murder bail hearing

JOHANNESBURG. "Blade Runner" Oscar Pistorius, the South African double amputee Olympic athlete, is due in court for a second time today to apply for bail after being charged with murdering his girlfriend.

The arrest of the 26-year-old Olympic and Paralympic sprinter has stunned millions across the world who held him up as a hero for triumphing over adversity to compete with able-bodied athletes at the highest level of sport. **REUTERS**

▶ Pistorius

Magazine falters

Reader's Digest files for bankruptcy

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. RDA Holding Co., publisher of the 91-year-old Reader's Digest magazine, filed for bankruptcy to cut $465 million in debt and focus on North American operations as consumers shift from print to electronic media.

Reader's Digest went public in 1990. An investor group led by private-equity firm Ripplewood Holdings LLC bought it in 2007 for $1.6 billion and the assumption of about $800 million in debt. **BLOOMBERG**

Finding fragments

Meteorite rush starts in Russia

MOSCOW. A meteor that exploded over Russia's Ural mountains and sent fireballs blazing to Earth has set off a rush to find fragments of the space rock, which hunters hope could fetch thousands of dollars a piece.

Friday's blast and ensuing shockwave shattered windows, injuring almost 1,200 people.

It started a "meteorite rush" around the industrial city of Chelyabinsk, 950 miles east of Moscow, where groups of people have started combing through the snow and ice. **REUTERS**

▶ Meteorite trail

Back from Cuba

Chavez makes surprise return

CARACAS. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez made a surprise return from Cuba yesterday, more than two months after surgery for cancer that has jeopardized his 14-year rule of the South American OPEC nation.

The middle-of-the-night homecoming by Chavez, 58, implies some medical improvement — at least enough to handle a flight of several hours — and will again fire up supporters with hope he could return to active rule. **REUTERS**

18 Chavez's latest surgery was his fourth in 18 months since the disease was detected. He also has undergone chemotherapy.

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Ono: The world is full of activism

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▶ Yoko Ono wears her sunglasses at the press conference for her exhibition "Half-A-Wind Show."

Half a lifetime ago, artist Yoko Ono lay in an Amsterdam hotel bed with husband John Lennon, staging a weeklong "bed-in" for peace and feeling they were very alone in their activism.

Today, Ono, whose own energy for campaigning has never tired, sees a world full of activists, maintaining her energy and faith in humanity.

"When John and I did the bed-in, not many people were with us. But now there are so many activists, I don't know anyone who is not an activist," she told Reuters in an interview in Berlin yesterday, her 80th birthday.

"Even the corporations — John always used to say the corporations need to be with us. ... Corporations now say 10 to 20 percent of their profits will go to such and such charity. They have to do that almost for people to feel good about it."

The late Beatle and Ono's 1969 bed-in to protest against the Vietnam War was repeated in Montreal, Canada. Press attention was huge, but much of it was mocking.

Ono, who gave a sold-out concert in Berlin on Sunday alongside their son Sean Lennon that closed with the anthem "Give Peace a Chance," said it is still critical to stand up for peace despite new conflicts in the intervening decades.

"I don't want to be drowning in sadness. I think we have to stand and up and change the world," she said.

The artist, born to a wealthy Japanese family in Tokyo in 1933, has recently become a passionate opponent of fracking, a controversial procedure that has sharply lifted energy output in the United States but which critics fear pollutes drinking water deep underground and could increase earthquake risks.

"Fracking is an incredible risk to the human race. I don't know why they even thought of doing it," she said.

Ono, whose birthday is being marked by a major retrospective of her work in Frankfurt, said she feels she is becoming freer in her art. **REUTERS**

Quotes from Yoko

"When John and I did the bed-in, not many people were with us. But now there are so many activists, I don't know anyone who is not an activist."

"I don't want to be drowning in sadness. I think we have to stand and up and change the world."

▶ Visitors look at the work of Yoko Ono during the press visit of her exhibition at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

A TRUE STORY OF DARK MATTER

Weird Science

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The universe is more than galaxies, stars, planets and empty space. What we see as "everything" is less than 5 percent of the total universe. The remaining 95 percent is dark matter and dark energy. The origins and identity of both are unknown.

To illustrate the basic mystery of dark matter, imagine taking a Chihuahua to the veterinarian. When it's time to be weighed, instead of the scale reading 10 pounds, it reads 100 pounds. Doctors are shocked when their tools find the dog's body is completely normal and doesn't account for the extra phantom weight. Later you give your wonder dog a bath. After heaving the purse-sized furry anomaly into a full tub, all of the water spills on the floor as if the entire container is filled, yet you see plenty of empty space.

Similarly, galaxies behave as if they have about 10 times more mass than what's visible. Second, galaxies appear to hover within a larger beach ball-shaped cloud of invisible matter, undetectable except through gravity. The source and identity of dark matter is unknown. The remaining 70 percent of the universe is dark energy. In 1998 the Hubble Space Telescope discovered an unknown force accelerating galaxies away from one another and driving the universe to expand faster. NASA's astrophysics page summarizes proven knowledge: "We know how much dark energy there is because we know how it affects the Universe's expansion. Other than that, it is a complete mystery." There are many promising candidates for dark matter/energy, each with flaws and benefits. Still, no clear front-runner exists. The search is on to identify dark matter and energy likely surrounding and passing through you right now. Experimenters around the world search for answers using both laboratories deep underground and particle accelerators. Meanwhile, telescopes study distances from individual galaxies to the structure of the whole universe.

▶ Scientists employ the use of technology such as satellites and telescopes to try to detect dark matter in both direct and indirect ways.

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Quoted

There are many promising candidates for dark matter, each with flaws and benefits.

Solutions will forever change humans' views of reality and shed light on the life cycle of the universe, beginning and end included. As 1800s German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "If you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you."

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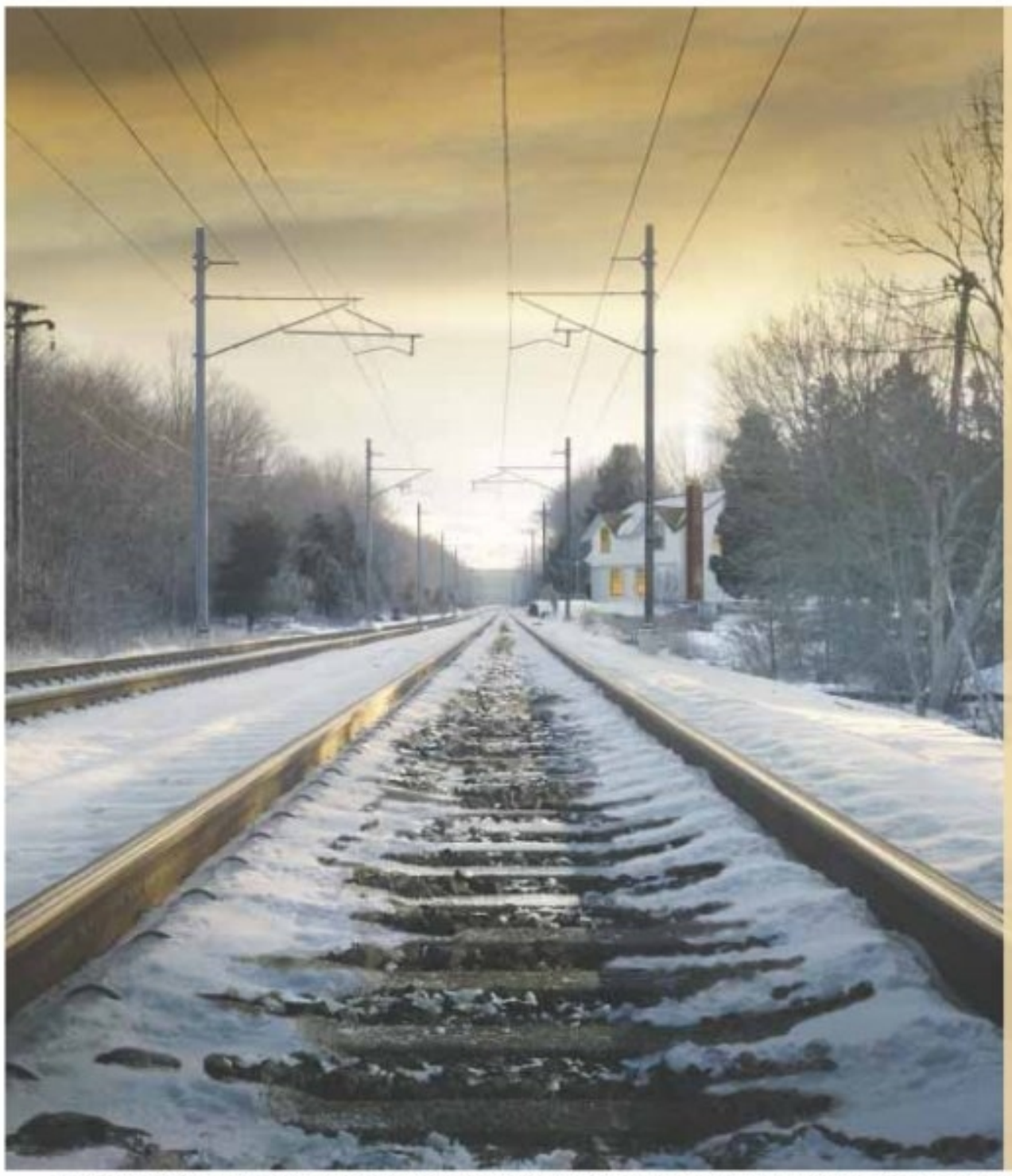
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Is an MFA in creative writing worth the cost? George Saunders says 'yes'

The 'Tenth of December' author reflects on what the advanced degree means for you

These days George Saunders' talents are more in-demand than perhaps any other American writer: His latest collection of short stories, "Tenth of December," recently appeared on the cover of the New York Times Magazine with the headline, "George Saunders Has Written the Best Book You'll Read This Year." Heady times.

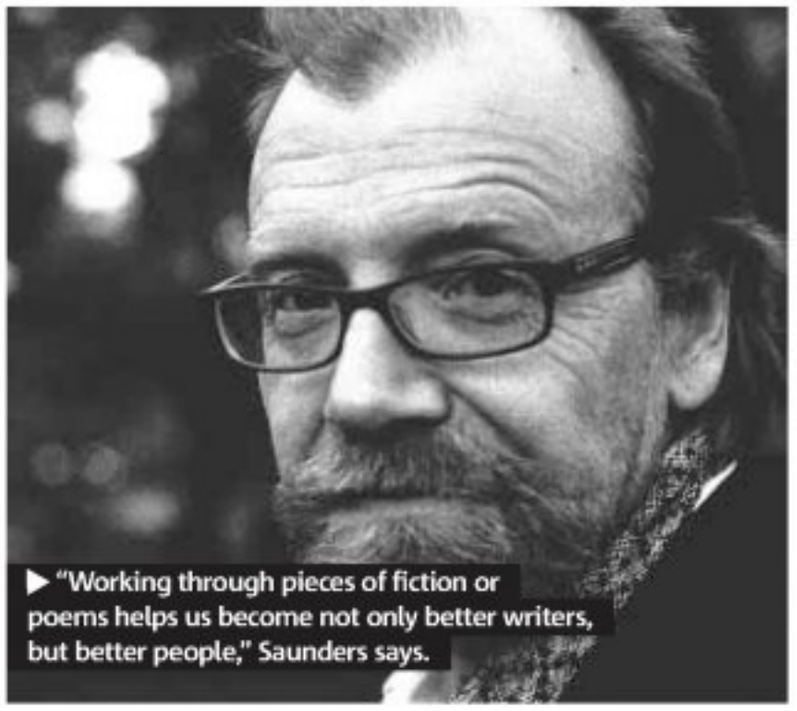
But back in the '80s, Saunders found himself out of work with an MFA in creative writing — and looking straight into a pile of looming debt. These days he teaches at Syracuse University — in the very same MFA program he once attended. And, over the years, he has developed more than a few insights into the true value of post-graduate education.

Do your students ever struggle with perceptions that an MFA in creative writing isn't practical? Did you struggle with this when you were a student?

Some of them do, sure. One of the most satisfying things is when a family that has been skeptical comes to our third-year graduation event, hears their child read from his or her work and is converted. Personally, I never felt that way, no. When I got into the Syracuse program I was working as a groundsman, so being in an MFA program was a big step up.

Do you feel that national conversations about higher education are too focused on job preparation?

It seems to me that it is, yes — although maybe that's not surprising, given the scary job market and the tricky and shameful way that a student loan has basically morphed from a high-minded government program designed to provide civic benefit, into, well, a credit card [with] high-interest rates and merciless payback conditions. Students now are so weighed down with this debt — which seems to me is a kind of welfare program that benefits the banks and the colleges but not the student — that there is, of course, pressure on them to start paying it back… and not go loafing around the desert with a backpack and a copy of "On the Road."



"Working through pieces of fiction or poems helps us become not only better writers, but better people," Saunders says.

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New dimension

Is there value in a creative writing MFA beyond becoming a better writer?

Well, I'd argue that the task of working through pieces of fiction or poems helps us become not only better writers, but better people. Writing somehow tends to move us from a position of one-dimensional certainty about a topic to a more ambiguous or even confused state — and that is mind-enlarging. On a more pragmatic level, I think the MFA degree has made it easier for our grads to get teaching jobs. This didn't used to be true, but increasingly it seems so.

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Is graduate school the right thing right now?

Adding those extra letters after your title can give you a career boost But plan ahead to how you'll pay it off

Money is one of the first things that comes to mind when one considers applying to a graduate program, let alone going into one. But what is the return on your investment? It depends on you.

As a coach and trainer for creative professionals, Dave Mowers says when starting out in graduate study, "You'll be surrounded by opportunity, new and fascinating people, lofty ideas, incredible demands and intense feedback and attention." Can you make it pay off? Mowers lays out what to know before committing the time and money.

Why should we think about grad school right now?

There are signs of economic recovery. We have many industries, and advanced training and education are key to the innovation movements across the board.

Are there common mistakes people make when deciding to apply or choosing a school?

The No. 1 mistake is the assumption that any specific program will change your life and solve financial problems. People's second mistake is taking an initial rejection as a stopper. But the biggest mistake is taking on the cost without a realistic plan for managing finances after the program is complete.

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▶ Career coach Dave Mowers says you'll be surrounded by opportunity and "lofty ideas" at grad school.

Five tips

What to remember when taking the next steps:

- **Research is free.** Spend time online with schools that interest you, but also visit open houses. Learning about a school is the first step to learning from the school.
- **Applying is not committing.** Applications aren't cheap, but they're a small investment compared to the cost of attending a school. Find out what you need to succeed and take it from there. You don't have to accept.
- **Keep an open mind.** Sure, there is always a program ranked No. 1, but there are also other schools that may offer you better options for placement upon graduation.
- **Ask for it.** Graduate schools are competing for your business. Make sure you are meeting face-to-face with a committed team of people who will help you get the experience you want.
- **What happens after?** Business is still business when you finish, and it comes down to who you know. Graduate school should provide you with a network that will move you toward your professional goal.

Is enrolling in continuing studies classes a good alternative to immersing yourself in grad school full time?

Continuing studies programs offer an amazing route to achieving your career goals. Programs like this are staffed by professionals working in the field. Most of them participate because they are interested in cutting-edge development, staying current with thought leadership in their industry and sharing a passion for their discipline or work.

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▶ Demographics are not on the side of recent college graduates.

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Surviving a post-grad unemployment slump

- 'This generation is unique'
- What's important right now

Bonnie Kerrigan Snyder graduated from Harvard in 1987 and was thrown into a sinking economy — and a job market not terribly interested in English majors. Today she's a family college consultant, and she sees her clients struggling with the same obstacles she ran into post-graduation — only much worse.

Her latest book, "The Unemployed College Graduate's Survival Guide: How to Get Your Life Together, Deal with Debt, and Find a Job After College," mines some of the wisdom she picked up in the '80s and appropriates it for an even bleaker job market.

"I wanted to create a survival guide that took this job crisis seriously. This isn't advice you'd give to just any generation. This generation is unique in history, and the same rules just don't apply," says Snyder, from her home in Lancaster, Pa. "They're really caught in a double whammy. There's obviously a recession, but there's also a demographic crunch going on: There's just more older people now, and they're holding onto their jobs much longer."

Kerrigan's guide begins with a strong dose of emotional reassurance for post-grads feeling let down by their job status and judged by their parents.

"In my experience, the kids are more aware of the realities than the parents are. Parents are having a hard time adjusting their expectations," says Snyder. "There is a way Americans have approached college for generations: Choose a school first, discover what you're interested in while you're in school and start thinking about a job in your senior year. The stakes are so much higher for these kids, and we need to start thinking about the payoff of this investment a lot sooner."

Bruce Walsh
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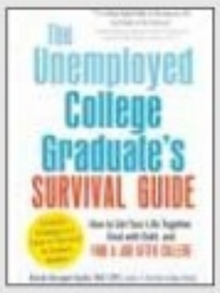
The new realities

In her latest book, family college consultant Bonnie Kerrigan Snyder dissects the outdated wisdom of American higher education. Here is just one example:

Outdated thinking: A college degree ensures financial security.

The new reality: College can be a risky financial investment, and that risk needs to be hedged. A family only has so much money to help launch a child into the workforce. Diverting some of those resources toward a home or starting a business is a better strategy.



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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Are people more upset over Mindy McCready's dog than her children?

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▶ McCready killed herself days after she was released from rehab.

Twitter was ablaze over **Mindy McCready**'s tragic suicide on Sunday. The troubled 37-year-old country singer shot herself in the same spot her longtime boyfriend, record producer **David Wilson**, killed himself a month earlier. But after reports emerged that McCready killed the family dog before turning the gun on herself, sympathy turned to anger — people seemed to be much more upset that she shot her dog rather than being in such a dark place that she would leave behind her two young children, **Zander**, 6, and **Zayne**, 9 months old. A sampling:

@ChasinCaroline
Seriously? Mindy #McCready killed her dog before she killed herself? Now that's cruel!

@wwtdd the fact that mindy mccready killed her dog first makes me glad shes dead

@ChristopherFTL Mindy McCready shot and killed her dog before turning the gun on herself. My sympathy meter just went to zero after reading this.

As a huge animal lover, I get the outrage. But as murder/suicides go, a dog is better than, God forbid, a child. Of course, Twitter is but a small sampling of what we're all thinking, but isn't it fascinating that the world decided to pick up on this aspect of the tragedy rather than the human one — that two little children are going to be scarred for life and will grow up with no mother?

Fergie, Josh Duhamel are expecting their first child

Fergie has some new lovely lady lumps, as it was announced yesterday via **Josh Duhamel**'s Twitter that the couple are expecting.

"Fergie and Me and BABY makes three," he wrote. Fergie, 37, followed suit: "Josh and me and BABY makes three!!!" she tweeted and included the hashtag **#mylovelybabybump.**

Duhamel has been talking about fatherhood for a while. "It'll happen," he told USA Today while promoting his new film "Safe Haven."

"It's happening. But every three months she's pregnant [in the press]. If she gets a little paunch, everyone thinks she's pregnant. It's like, well, thanks, they're basically calling you fat. But like my mom said, well, if she's been pregnant as long as everyone says that she is, well, then we're going to have a baby elephant. We're on our own schedule with that."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@Joan_Rivers
Reading about all those people stranded aboard the Carnival Triumph. The passengers on the Titanic had a better time on their trip.

@realjeffreyross
Last night on the phone my buddy @bobsaget told me his eyelid was infected and when I woke up today mine was too. Theories?

@charliesheen
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The stars were out this weekend

1. I got this, bitches: **Selena Gomez** was spotted leaving a radio station in Paris on Monday.

2. These are the people responsible for making "Breaking Bad" more addictive than meth: The show's writers — **Sam Catlin, Moira Walley-Beckett, Vince Gilligan, Gennifer Hutchison, George Mastras, Thomas Schnauz** and **Peter Gould** — won the Writers Guild Award for Outstanding Drama Series on Sunday night in LA.

3. Harry Styles and his devilish smile took a walk in London on Sunday.

4. And in NYC, **Lena Dunham** hugged it out with **Gina Gershon** at the Writers Guild East Coast Awards after-party.

5. Today's odd couple: **Rob "Vanilla Ice" Van Winkle and Verne "Mini-Me" Troyer** were at the third annual Streamy Awards in Hollywood on Sunday night.

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6. Jackie Chan flashed a peace sign at the Seoul premiere of "Chinese Zodiac" on Monday.

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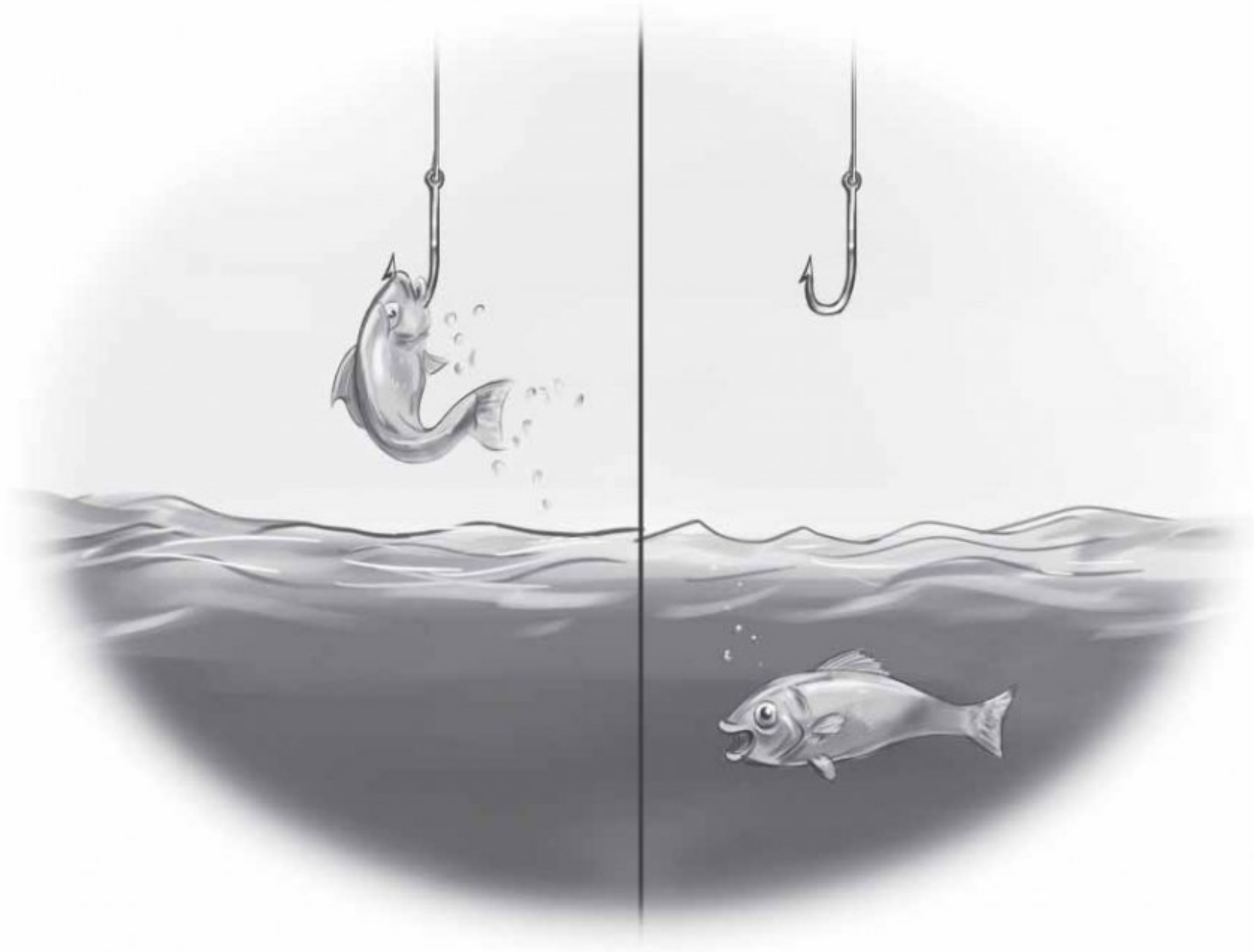

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TV watch list

ABC TELEVISION GROUP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Dana Delany stars in "Body of Proof," which kicks off its third season tonight.

'Body of Proof'

DRAMA. The medical series starring Dana Delaney is back for Season 3. Megan returns to work following Peter's death last season, but the show's high-voltage energy gears up when Megan and her crew go after a serial killer who winds up holding her daughter Lacey hostage. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., ABC**

'Our America with Lisa Ling'

REALITY. Lisa Ling's latest endeavor, currently in its second season, offers a sleekly produced look at demographics that don't often receive time in the spotlight. Tonight's captivating topic centers on Christian martyrs who take their faith to extreme levels.
9 p.m., OWN

'Cult'

DRAMA. A creepy reality show may be prompting copycat murders in this new drama starring CW staples Matt Davis and Jessica Lucas as a journalist and a production assistant who investigate the mysterious trouble.
Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW

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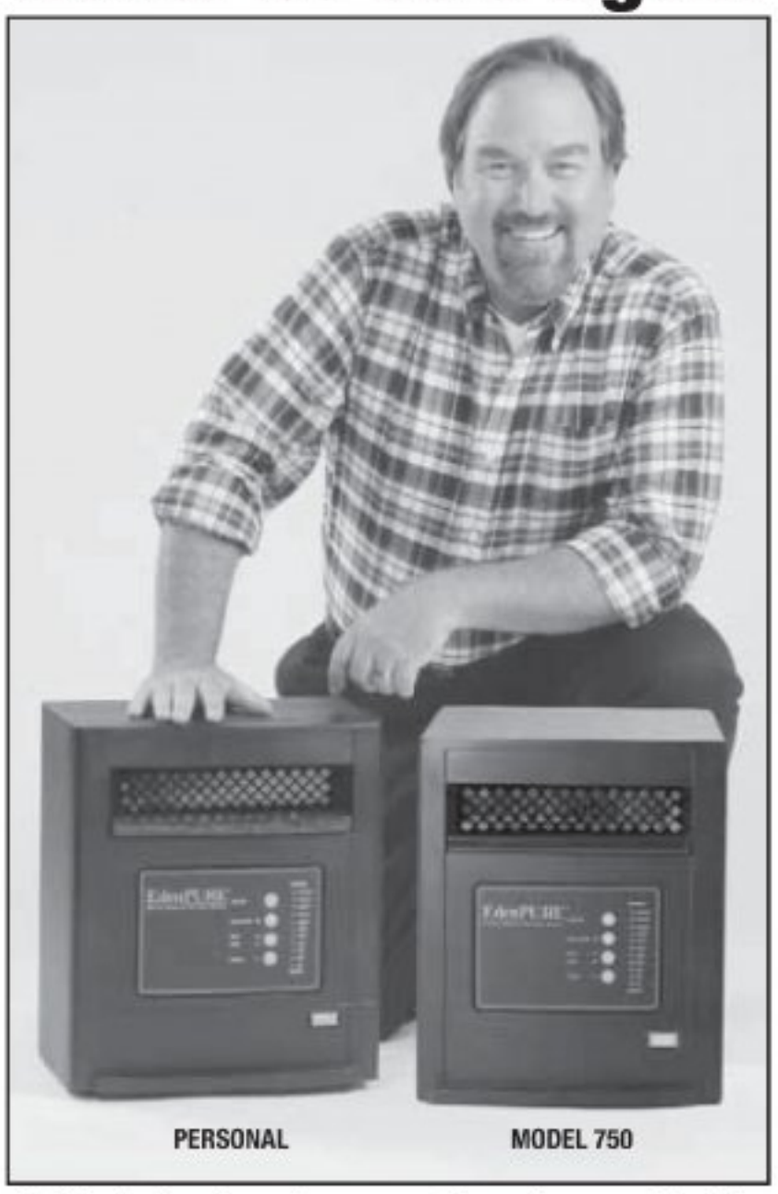

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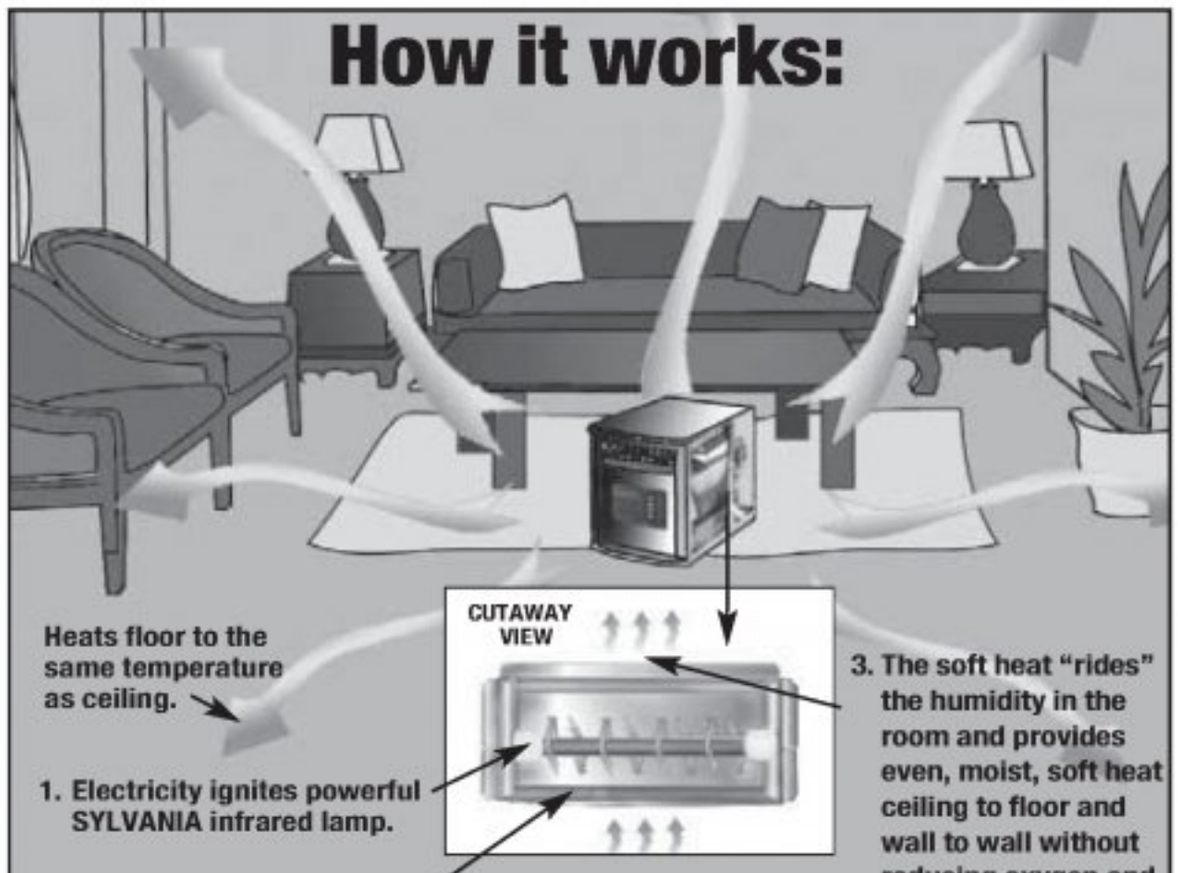
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Fifth 'Die Hard' has 'Good' weekend

Box office

The fifth movie in the Bruce Willis "Die Hard" franchise scored the biggest box-office action over the U.S. holiday weekend, beating out love story "Safe Haven," which came in third for the Friday-through-Sunday period.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," with Willis returning as the tenacious, wise-cracking hero John McClane, pulled in $25 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters over the three days, according to studio estimates.

The tally was expected to approach $40 million for the five days that began on Thursday's Valentine's Day and ended with Monday's Presidents Day holiday in the U.S.

"Beautiful Creatures," the supernatural love story about a teenage girl with magical powers, made its debut with $7.5 million at the box office to rank sixth in the three-day tallies.

The film was another of several Hollywood films aiming to capture the "Twilight" and "Hunger Games" audiences of teenage girls with adaptations of popular young adult novels.

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FRANK MASI, SMPSP

▶ The fifth "Die Hard" just barely fended off "Safe Haven" at this weekend's box office.

Top 5 earners

1. **"A Good Day to Die Hard,"** $25 million
2. **"Identity Thief,"** $23.4 million
3. **"Safe Haven,"** $21.4 million
4. **"Escape from Planet Earth,"** $16.1 million
5. **"Warm Bodies,"** $9 million

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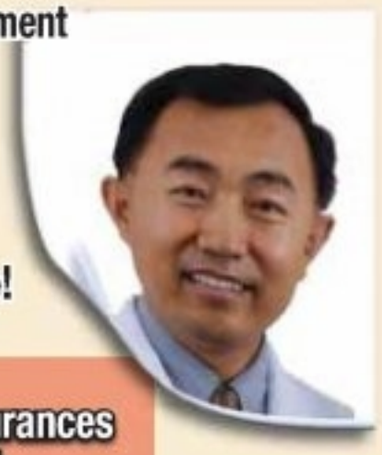

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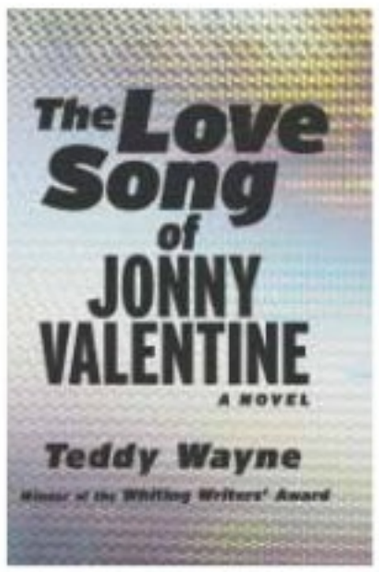
When young idols are your muse

Teddy Wayne gives a sly peek behind the velvet rope of a Bieber-esque star in his new novel, 'The Love Song of Jonny Valentine' On striking a serious chord

Meet Jonny Valentine, an 11-year-old pop star who worries about his "chub," hitting puberty and career longevity. In the new book "The Love Song of Jonny Valentine," author Teddy Wayne gives us a sly peek behind the velvet rope (literally) of a young pop star. Sort of inspired by Justin Bieber, the book delights in mocking an American society obsessed with nubile stars. But it also strikes serious chords, examining what that obsession does to the pint-sized pros themselves. Some serious moments even eerily parallel Bieber news stories after Wayne wrote the book, like violent threats and a marijuana scandal. Wayne, who just turned 34, talked to Metro about prepping through celeb glossies and guitar strums.



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Valentine is based on Justin Bieber. How many front-row Justin Bieber concert seats did you buy to research?

I ended up not going to any. I didn't want to be too beholden to the reality of Bieber concerts. I did watch his documentary film. It's entertaining; it's his own official documentary but he's savvier and smarter about his image than you'd think, than the normal teen pop star. I watched a lot of amateur [YouTube] concert footage.

Jonny struggles with a few challenges throughout the book, such as trying to find his father and deciding whether to go to a regular school. Some authors say they feel like their characters lead them — did you have a good idea of the ending, or did you feel like Jonny surprised you?

I had a general idea of where I wanted to go, but one thing I found with writing is I do a lot of ventriloquism. This novel and the previous novel are both in voices very unlike my own. I do a lot of humor writing for magazines and newspapers that's also "ventriloquified," other characters. When I get into another character's voice, I start thinking about this character, and it does lead me to their decisions and thoughts.

How does society get to a place where we idolize 11-year-olds?

We hold them up as these paragons of innocence. … And then inevitably, they fail us — because it's impossible to stay innocent forever — and once they do, we punish them severely. We're cruel about it. The child celebrities, when they age, often rebel against their own image of innocence. They sexualize themselves or glorify their drug use.

You wrote lyrics to some of the songs in the book, like "RSVP (To My Heart)" and "Guys vs. Girls." Do you have any secret dreams to move over from writing to music?

No record labels have come calling yet. I'm a mediocre guitarist and singer. I would sit at my desk with a guitar on my lap and start thinking of melodies. It was fun to do, but I think I should not quit my day job.

Alison Bowen
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Q&A

How did you get the idea for the book?

There wasn't really a "eureka" moment. I'd been tutoring kids in Brooklyn once a week, and at the same time I'd been working on a novel that was going nowhere. One time, I saw one of the girls reading Miley Cyrus' book, "Miles to Go," and it must have landed in my subconscious because a week later, a friend asked if I had any ideas. I said, "How about we parody these teen pop star biographies?" An hour later, I realized if I treated this with more gravity it could make a more serious novel.

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Making the leap from crib to bed

Is your child ready to move to a big-kid bed? Let child sleep consultant Amy Lage help

Easing your child through the transition from sleeping in a crib to a new bed doesn't need to be a nightmare. Child sleep consultant Amy Lage has made a career out of helping families best approach this crucial moment in a toddler's life. If your child cannot stay in a crib safely any longer (for example, your little monkey is making a great escape every night) or is asking for a toddler bed, it might be time for Lage's advice.

Why is the transition from crib to bed so important?
We want to make sure that the entire family is getting as much sleep as possible, and that your children are well-rested. To avoid those middle-of-the-night wake-ups, it's important to set the tone and do it right the first time. It keeps everybody on track.

Your suggestion of letting a child pick new sheets or a bedframe is interesting. Do kids find that idea exciting?
Yes — children are always a little nervous about the change. This makes them feel in control of the situation, which is so important for toddlers. They are so often grasping for control in their lives.

Can older kids help too? Many children want both the privileges and responsibilities that their siblings have.
Absolutely, especially if the sibling is a great sleeper. They can talk up the new bed and how exciting the change will be. Having them get the younger sibling excited will help.

What sparked your interest in this? Did you have trouble with your own children?
I have a 2-year-old and a 2-month-old. The older one is actually still in her crib, and will stay until she asks to switch. In the sleep community, we really think it's important to keep children in their crib until they are really ready. I'm a big believer in waiting until 3 if you can.

Natalie Shure
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▶ Amy Lage tackles a variety of child sleep issues at www.wellrestedbaby.com.

Is 3 the magic number?

At 3, you can reason with them. Before that, most kids really can't comprehend guidelines or why it is important to follow directions. Until they can understand and recognize boundaries, it is so much easier to keep them in the crib where they can have the best sleep.

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3 Ways to make sure your new job doesn't take over your life

▶ Taking a break to hang out with your co-workers and socialize can make you happier, not just better at video games.

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Being the new kid in the office also coincides with being the new kid on the block, so it is especially important that you don't let your work take over your entire life. It's not good for your job and it's not good for you.

Julie Chandler, an executive with staffing firm Robert Half International, says that work-life balance is one of the most important facets to performing well at work. "When I have that work-life balance, I go in the next day with a smile on my face because I'm happy to be back," she says. Here are three tips to keep things balanced:

Take breaks

Starting a new job on the right foot means working hard, but it doesn't mean that you can never step away from your desk. Being glued to a chair in front of your computer for eight solid hours every single day can take its toll. Try taking regular breaks or ask a co-worker to join you for lunch away from your desks. You'd be surprised at how much of a difference it can make! You'll return to work feeling refreshed and ready to get back to it.

Leave work at the office: In the age of smartphones, work is no longer contained to the office. Assignments can roll in at any time which is why it's important to make a distinction between work time and home time. Do you really need to be reading budget reports on Saturday morning or can it wait? Job permitting, try to avoid checking your work e-mails during weekends and evenings.

Make plans: After a long day at work, it can be tempting to slump down on the couch for the rest of the evening. A little R&R is never a bad thing, but it's important to break out of your work-to-home routine. This means making plans with friends, going out after work and taking in local attractions.

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What to look for in your next new hire

According to recent research by the Corporate Executive Board, corporate businesses looking to hire working professionals for new jobs find 10 new talents and skills to be defining traits amongst high performers. Among them are the ability to prioritize, organizational awareness and effective decision-making.

The organization notes that this particular skill set is "scarce" and that most "employees lack the ideal mix of skills and competencies to achieve employers' desired outcome."

Job seekers looking to more meaningfully contribute to their organization should try mastering some new success skills. Keep the following traits in mind when interviewing new hires.

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▶ When interviewing new hires, think beyond organizational skills.

2 Multitasking: Chances are your employees will be simultaneously involved in several projects, tasks or initiatives. The ability to juggle them all with aplomb is a highly-valued skill.

3 Enthusiasm: According to Sigal Barsade, professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, positivity is not only contagious, but it has an impact on job performance, decision-making and creativity. A winning attitude can be invaluable.

4 Decision-making: Workers with solid problem-solving skills aren't just strategic thinkers; they should be able to keep a cool head when a situation arises and stay on task without the need for micro-management.

5 Organization: An employee who is self-disciplined enough keep tabs on necessary information and data will be well-managed and on schedule.

6 Integrity: Integrity shows that someone knows his or her strengths and weaknesses, isn't afraid to make mistakes or accept responsibility for doing so and possesses a high degree of loyalty.

7 Likeability: Chances are your open positions will require employees to cooperate and collaborate with others. Therefore, you'll want someone warm, friendly, easygoing and genuine — a solid team player can help bolster any winning lineup.

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Must-have

1 Communication skills: This is one of the top qualities employers look for in modern-day hires; it's essential for receiving, interpreting and giving direction.

Likewise, a sense of social intelligence is also vital: Employees need to be able to understand where peers, colleagues and strategic partners are coming from, not just the words they're saying.

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Intellectual exploration is not just for undergrads

Jobs increasingly require multihyphenated skills Graduate degrees with multiple disciplines leave the questions open

Graduate programs that allow students to take an interdisciplinary approach are cropping up at universities across the country. With an outside-the-box approach, an interdisciplinary degree allows students to choose their own curriculum. Students are without the constraints of what a more traditional department may require. In this way, a student can unify disparate interests into a degree that is tailored to their aspirations.

Matthew K. Gold is an associate professor at the M.A. program in Liberal Studies at CUNY's Graduate Center. He says the interdisciplinary program gives students freedom. "I think it's a benefit because students can direct their study toward their own personal and professional goals. That gives students the ability to shape the degree to their own desires."

Quote

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GOLD, PICTURED LEFT

Students can let their interests in, say, fashion and business or sociology and urban planning come together in one degree.

Gold says that these programs prepare students for an increasingly complex job market, political scenario and technological environment.

"There has been much conversation about the ways in which academic disciplines are connected," he says. "The problems of our world call for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary solutions."

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▶ Programs with multiple disciplines allow students to tailor their education to their multiple needs of a changing world.

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Education notes

What is a Coverdell savings account?

Coverdell education savings accounts have never really drawn headlines, even when unexpectedly saved from extinction as part of Washington's "fiscal cliff" deal.

Much like the 529 college savings programs that are familiar to many people, Coverdell ESAs are accounts where earnings grow tax-free, as long as withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses such as books, supplies or transportation.

Some differences have always kept Coverdells out of the limelight. The biggest hurdle has been that contributions could total no more than $2,000 per year, as opposed to $24,000 or more per couple for 529s, depending on the particular plan.

The advantage to Coverdells is that the funds can be used for expenses at the elementary and secondary levels, and for special services, none of which are covered by 529s.

Paul Coverdell, the late Republican senator who championed the funds, saw them primarily as a way to offset private school tuition. Yet private school fees have sky-rocketed, making the $110,000 (or $220,000 if filing a joint return) income cap on the accounts generally too low for people who shell out $40,000 a year for kindergarten.

For parents of special-needs children, however, the accounts could be useful. While $2,000 per year may not sound like a huge amount, it can make a difference for parents whose children may need special schooling that is not university-based and for a longer period of time. **REUTERS**

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Helicopter parenting makes kids depressed, study says

Hyperparenting isn't helping anyone Kids in college need to make their own mistakes

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The increase in technology use in families has made it easier for parents to hover over their children, interfering at every turn.

Turbo-charged parents still running their university-aged children's schedules could be doing more harm than good. A study published Wednesday shows these students are more likely to be depressed and dissatisfied with life.

Researcher Holly Schiffrin from the University of Mary Washington in Virginia found so-called helicopter parenting negatively affected college students by undermining their need to feel autonomous and competent.

Her study found students with over-controlling parents were more likely to be depressed and less satisfied with their lives while the number of hyperparents was increasing with economic fears fueling concerns over youngsters' chances of success.

Quoted

"The problem is that these children are old enough to look after themselves, and their parents are not backing off. ... It does not allow independence and the chance to learn from mistakes."

HOLLY SCHIFFRIN, UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON IN VIRGINIA

"The problem is that these children are old enough to look after themselves, and their parents are not backing off," Schiffrin, an associate professor of psychology, tells Reuters. "It does not allow independence and the chance to learn from mistakes."

Schiffrin's study, published in Springer's Journal of Child and Family Studies, was based on an online survey of 297 U.S. undergraduate students in which students described their mothers' parenting behavior and their own autonomy and researchers assessed their happiness and satisfaction levels.

The study comes as debate rises over how much parents should run their children's lives to help them succeed.

Schiffrin said the increase in technology had changed the involvement of parents in their children's college lives as the once-a-week phone call was replaced with regular texting, e-mails and messaging.

The competitive marketplace and jostling for top college slots and the best jobs has also boosted the involvement of parents in college lives.

She said to counteract this, rising numbers of universities were starting to run parental orientation days to help encourage parents to give their children more freedom.

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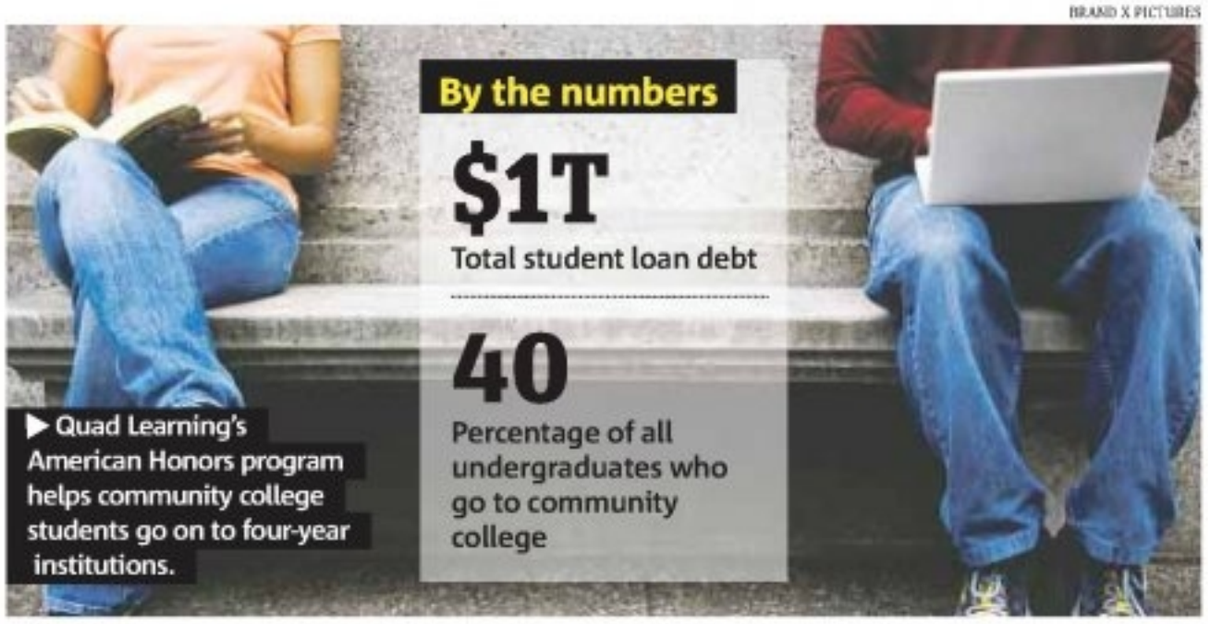

▶ Quad Learning's American Honors program helps community college students go on to four-year institutions.

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Education start-up Quad Learning wants to bridge the gap between community colleges and four-year institutions.

Quad Learning's American Honors program helps community college students go on to earn their bachelor's degrees. Taking the "2+2 approach" (which is common tactic for many in community college), students complete the first two years of their education at community colleges participating in American Honors and finish at a four-year university.

"Over the past five to 10 years, there has been a flood of high-achieving, traditional college age students to community colleges," says CEO Phil Bronner. "These students have been priced out of four-year college and turn to community college as the alternative. Quad Learning helps community colleges build and scale honors programs through a mix of financing and dedicated capabilities. It enters the market as the demand for affordable honors education continues to outstrip supply."

The costs of higher education are prohibitively high for a significant portion of Americans, and yet many community colleges and online education programs do not offer a comparable alternative. Quad Learning estimated that by participating in American Honors, students obtain bachelor's degrees for 35 percent to 40 percent less than the cost of a four-year program.

The program promises to "preserve the social and motivational scaffolding of traditional college," meaning it's good for those students looking to be immersed in a community of learners and educators, rather than just taking classes online. REUTERS

How it works

Quad Learning's platform delivers seminar-style classes in a virtual classroom led by qualified professors. American Honors then offers advisory and support systems for course planning and career exploration to help students transfer between community college and more rigorous curricula. The company partners with community colleges to create the curriculum and keeps all the elements of a student academic life in one place.

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Sandwiched between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, the cool climate of Ontario's Niagara Peninsula provides excellent conditions for winemaking. The region specializes in Icewine, a sweet drink traditionally paired with dessert, but is also gaining recognition for its table wines and sparkling wines, especially chardonnay, riesling, cabernet franc and pinot noir. Take a glimpse at some of the wineries that are making a name for themselves here.

Peller Estates

www.peller.com

The sprawling family-run property is lavishly decorated in rustic yellows and gives you the feel that you've stepped into an old Tuscan mansion. In 2006, London's International Wine & Spirit Competition named Peller the best Canadian winery of the year. During the Icewine festival in January, the site becomes home to flocks of visitors toasting marshmallows over fire pits and snacking on poutine, a decadent Quebec dish of French fries topped with gravy and cheese curds. There's also an elegant on-site restaurant, to which Zagat gave an Extraordinary rating.

Reif Estate

www.reifwinery.com

"A winemaker is a caretaker," head winemaker Klaus Reif says. He produces 16 varietals and approximately 30 products, and the winery has won about 400 awards. Reif grows its own grapes and ages its wines in Hungarian, French and Kentucky oak barrels before they make their debut in a rustic, homey wooden showroom. Ask Archie the sommelier for a tasting — he's a pro at helping beginners learn and discern.

Stratus Vineyards

www.stratuswines.com

This isn't your parents' winery: The high ceilings, monochromatic palette and sleek finishes make Stratus a must-visit. The LEED-certified winery (the first in the world) is on 62 acres, and the mature vineyard grows 18 varieties of grapes, all of which are picked and sorted by hand. You'll find your cab sauvs, your merlots and your chardonnays, but you'll also see that it specializes in assemblage — the combination of several grape varieties to make a new wine. There's no recipe to it; each resulting product is unique.

Coyote's Run Estate Winery

www.coyotesrunwinery.com

Coyote's Run is situated on 58 acres of two types of soil — one red, one black — which means that two pinots, chards or other varietal can taste remarkably different. Generally speaking, grapes grown in red soil have a fruitier taste, whereas the black soil produces wines that are more earthy. Because the property sits in a slightly warmer part of the region, the grapes here are often harvested one or two weeks earlier than those at other area wineries.

▶ At Reif Estate, tasting plates are refurbished from old barrels and corks.

Where to stay

The quaint Harbor House Hotel is a 31-room boutique hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It was recently named a top hotel in Canada and the highest-ranked in Ontario by TripAdvisor.

Come back for Icewine

Niagara heats up in January, when the annual Icewine festival brings locals and visitors together to celebrate the deliciously sweet and easily adaptable unofficial drink of the region. During the fest, wineries and restaurants do tastings and special pours, and the city comes together for a food-pairing festival and a cocktail competition. When the weather gets warmer, visit for the Shaw Festival, devoted to playwright George Bernard Shaw, and Canada Day celebrations (July 1). Visit **www.niagaraonthelake.com** to learn more.

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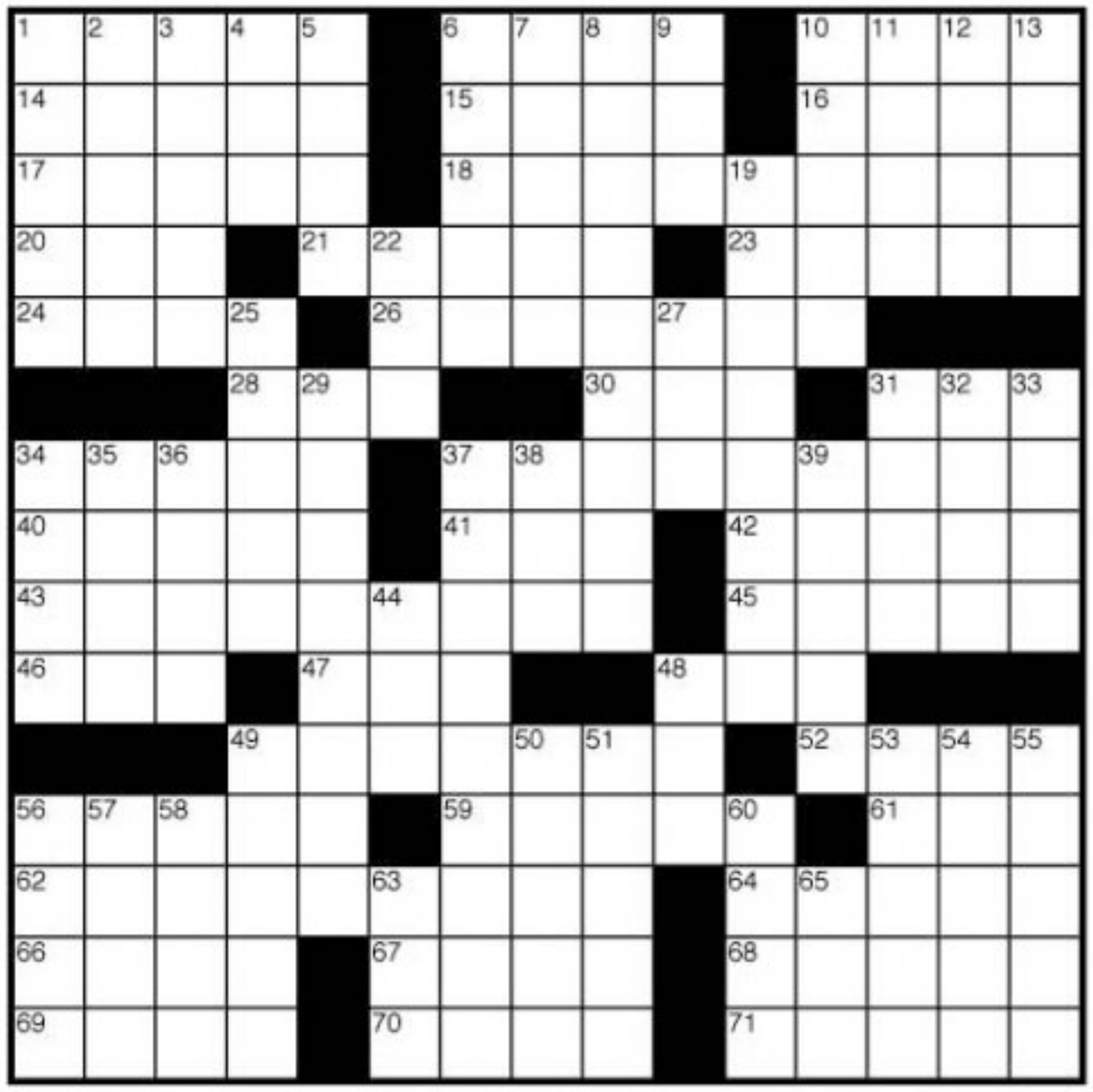

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** The secret to your success will be to treat life as a game, even those aspects of it that have been tough or boring. It's OK to have some fun while you're playing to win.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When looking for the bluebird of happiness, you shouldn't go searching outside your immediate surroundings. Staying within your domain is important, both for yourself and your circle of intimates.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You rarely have a difficult time knowing what to say to friends. Even though you're likely to be surrounded by a larger crowd today, you'll still find a way to charm everybody.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Conditions in general are usually favorable for you, and today will be no exception. The only difference is that most groups you encounter will have something to do with making money. How nice!

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your natural ability to spread some sunshine and lift the thoughts of others will contribute greatly to your popularity. You'll find that some people need a smile more than others.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Lucky you, because an effective ally who does nice things without drawing attention to it will single you out for special attention.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You could be quite fortunate — not necessarily in the usual material ways, but in something that won't rust and can't be stolen.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** As long as you don't establish too many objectives or excessively focus on one thing, you should be able to concentrate on a meaningful project.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Provided you have the will to win and never underestimate the opposition, you shouldn't have any trouble bettering yourself and ousting all competitors. Just keep plugging away.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A number of unanticipated changes could occur in an area of importance. Be flexible and keep an eye on the competition.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your quick wit and delightful charm are two of your best assets. Mutual benefits are likely from situations in which you can deal with others on a one-on-one basis.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The extra funds you'll need in order to do something special will manifest as soon as the assets you've been putting away begin to appreciate.

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Solution to weekend's crossword

Letters

Some notions should go the way of chivalry

RE: "THE LOST ART OF THE LOVE LETTERS" (METRO, FEB. 14) If any woman held me to all of your Valentine advice, I would consider her a fool.

1. If I wrote a handwritten letter (I'm not referring to the signature) to anyone when I could have typed it, I would be going out of my way to make the recipient's life harder.

2. I don't need a beard to convince people that I'm a man. The unavoidable "5-o'clock shadow" does the trick, even earlier in the day.

3. A nice car? I don't need a car in New York City, so having one would show me to be a spendthrift and indifferent to the public good.

4. If a man has to have a high-paying job to get married, shall we reserve all high-paying jobs for men so that more people can get married? Think about it!

ALAN R. BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Pope prime fodder for great headline

I just wanted to say that the headline for Metro's Feb. 12 edition that said: "Benedict: Too pooped to be pope" has got to be one of the best lines I have heard in years. I just love the way it sounds and it has been stuck in my head all week. The other night my friend asked if I wanted to go out and since I was I was tired I just replied, "No thanks, I'm too pooped to pope."

It's terrible, I can't get it out of my head. I've been laughing about it all week. Thank you for making my week, or probably month.

PETER BOYLES, VIA E-MAIL

Jackman didn't go out of his way to squash rumors

RE: "HUGH JACKMAN: NOPE, NOT GAY" (METRO, FEB. 27) I enjoyed your article about Hugh Jackman. Before Daniel Craig was cast as the latest Bond, there were blind items in the New York tabloids alluding to Hugh not being cast because gay rumors were swirling around him. Ticket sales would plummet. He was one of the hottest men in Australia even before international stardom hit. How many gorgeous, 20-something women must have thrown themselves at him in vain.

MICHAEL RIORDAN, VIA E-MAIL

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In the news

Lakers owner dead at 80

Longtime Lakers owner Jerry Buss died yesterday at the age of 80.

Buss, who had been undergoing cancer treatment, died from kidney failure, according to his assistant. He helped oversee 10 NBA titles between 1980 and 2010.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

NICK FOLES IS STARTER, BET ON IT

Despite Chip Kelly's best efforts, there is no quarterback controversy. Nick Foles will be the leader of the Eagles' offense, next season and for many years to come. Mike Vick is nothing more than an expensive smoke screen. Dennis Dixon is a laughable diversion. Foles is the guy.

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▶ Chip Kelly loves competition at positions.

Hey, nobody enjoys a quarterback controversy more than I do. These disputes have not only lit up the phone lines on my WIP radio show — they've inspired screaming matches in our taverns and fisticuffs in the stands. There is nothing more polarizing than two (or even three) players vying for the top spot on the Eagles. I live for drama like that.

But there is no question who will start for the Eagles. Nick Foles will win the competition created last week when Kelly re-signed Mike Vick and added his former Oregon pal Dennis Dixon. Vick is an injury-prone turnover machine with a dubious attitude. Dixon has been an NFL scrub for five seasons.

On the other hand, Foles has become one of the most underrated performers in the recent history of Philadelphia sports. Because he was playing for a doomed coach on a dreadful team, many fans missed what was unfolding before their cynical eyes. Foles is a good NFL quarterback, with a chance to be much more than that.

Behind a putrid offensive line, Foles completed 61 percent of his passes last season, the fifth-best for rookies in NFL history. He averaged 243 passing yards in the seven games he played, third-best for rookies in league history. And he is the only rookie quarterback to throw for more than 60 percent and average more than 240 yards. The only rookie. Ever.

If Kelly is the offensive genius his credentials suggest, he already knows where this so-called competition is heading. Kelly is on the record saying "quick, smart decision-making" is his first priority in a quarterback. Vick was hit 170 times in 10 games. With basically the same blockers, Foles was hit 47 times in seven games. And this is supposed to be

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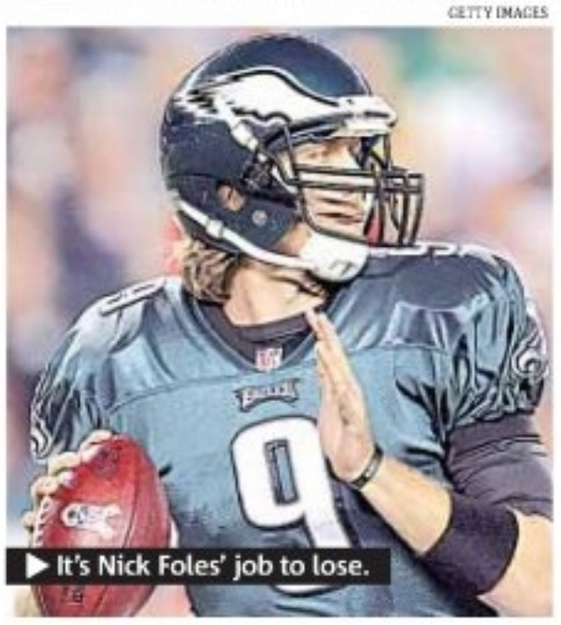

▶ It's Nick Foles' job to lose.

a contest?

The one lingering question in these early weeks of Kelly's tenure is why he bothered to spend $3.5 million on Vick, with another $3.5 million if the 33-year-old makes it through the season. Here's the answer: Kelly is obsessed with competition. He loves to see his players fighting for their jobs.

No one understands this approach better than Dixon, a journeyman whose role will be similar to Doug Pederson in the early days of Donovan McNabb. Dixon already knows the Kelly system from their time together in Oregon and also realizes that his only hope is to win the backup job if Vick is released.

Follow the drama in the coming months if you must, Philadelphia. But remember what you read right here in the middle of February. Nick Foles will be the Eagles' starting quarterback in 2013. Bet on it.

– Angelo Cataldi is host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.

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Eagles owner pulling fast one on loyal fans

Ventriloquism is a lost art. In fact, based on recent developments, the top practitioner appears to be an NFL owner.

You may recognize the name. Jeff Lurie.

The Eagles' owner is a true master of speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He says one thing, often with great force, and then he does something that suggests the opposite. The latest example is one of his best — even better than his "gold standard" bluster or his gushing Andy Reid testimonials.

When he finally let Reid go last month, Lurie spent a few minutes emoting over the injustice of being an Eagles fan. He said, with deep sorrow, that fans deserved so much more than the 4-12 debacle they had just experienced. He then called them the best fans in the world and promised better days ahead.

Well, the better days are here — at least for Lurie. First, he zapped his beloved

▶ Lurie

patrons with a $10 ticket hike — to an average of $93 — for no justifiable reason. Lurie is a billionaire, his team is an ATM machine and nobody else in the NFL is going hungry. He doesn't need the added revenue.

Then an even bigger bomb exploded when it was revealed that the Eagles have more cash under the salary cap ($23 million) than any team in the NFL. They didn't use it in 2012, so it was added to the cap number for 2013. Will Lurie spend it this year? Not a chance.

Jeff Lurie saved $23 million in 2012 and still felt a need to raise ticket prices. At least it is clear who he's using for the dummy in his ventriloquist act. It's the fans. ANGELO CATALDI

Don't take your eyes off Charlie Manuel this year

There are so many fascinating stories on the Phillies that its easy to miss the most poignant one already unfolding at spring training: What will happen to the beloved father figure during this unprecedented era of success, manager Charlie Manuel?

In what he said would be his only public comments on his contract situation, the 69-year-old lame duck was surprisingly defiant last weekend

▶ Manuel

about the criticism he has received for winning only one championship in his long and varied career.

"My record is just as good as anybody's in baseball," he said. "I don't want to sound like I'm an 'I/me' guy because I'm not. But really, I mean, just look at it. What's wrong with it?"

Manuel has managed some of the greatest hitters of the past generation here and in Cleveland, and has one championship in 11 years. If he actually believes this record rivals Joe Torre or Tony LaRussa or Bruce Bochy, then the problem is his own low expectations, not our high ambitions.

Regardless of his sour attitude, Manuel's legacy is firm in Philadelphia. Decades from now, he will be remembered as the improbable mastermind of a gratifying period for the Phillies. But now the end is drawing near.

Keep your eye on Charlie Manuel. His final act will be the most interesting story on the Phillies. ANGELO CATALDI

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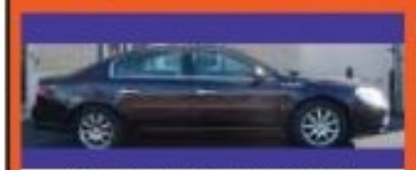
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Grading the Sixers midseason

If you ask the Sixers, they'll say that the first half deserves an "incomplete" grade.

The problem with this argument is that the Sixers should have known. Andrew Bynum's career has been littered with immaturity and knee woes. Jason Richardson's knee issues appeared chronic before he arrived here.

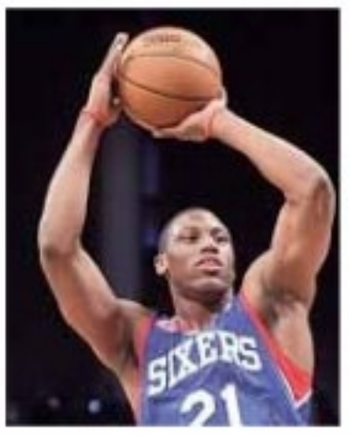
As a team, the Sixers get a D. The only reason it's not an F is because Jrue Holiday has almost singlehandedly kept them in the playoff race. ADAM LEVITAN

C+ Nick Young: Swaggy P started off ice cold, but he has caught fire since Jason Richardson went down. And he's doing it with Swag.

C Evan Turner: Now that Turner's jumper has predictably gone in the tank, his entire game is affected again. The Sixers should have "sold high" early on and dealt him.

A Jrue Holiday: Before the season, Holiday signed a four-year, $41 million contract — and Holiday has taken a leap to All-Star levels and is a strong candidate for NBA's Most Improved Player award. He's a true building block.

A Thad Young: Before his hamstring injury, he was a picture of consistency, bringing energy every night playing against bigger players. Another building block.



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